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Applicant(s) : BEBBINGTON et al.  
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DONOR SITE AND A FUNCTIONAL SPLICE ACCEPTOR SITE  
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication that was mailed on December 11, 2003, and set a one-month period for reply. The Office Communication requires a statement of the substance of the telephonic interview that was conducted on December 3, 2003. Participants in the interview were Examiner Michael Wilson, Jill Martin of Oxford BioMedica, the assignee of this application, and Anne-Marie Yvon of Frommer Lawrence & Haug, the Applicants' representative.

An Amendment was filed in response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 on December 11, 2003 ("the Amendment"). The modifications of the claims in the Amendment were discussed during the interview, including the addition of claims directed to a provirus, which were inadvertently cancelled previously.

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Proposed claims and a table outlining discussion points were sent to the Examiner in advance of the interview, but he did not receive them. The main purpose of the interview was to explain the aspects of the claimed invention to the Examiner. The section beginning on page 9 of the Amendment entitled "Summary of the Invention" reflects what was offered in terms of an explanation.

The enablement rejection with respect to the hygro-nco or hygro-p450 gene pairs, and whether the rejection was related to cryptic splice sites was discussed, and the Examiner indicated that he believed that the rejection based on the possible presence of cryptic splice sites had been successfully overcome by the arguments filed on July 14, 2003.

Applicants concur with the Examiner's version of the Interview Summary that accompanied the Office Communication of December 11, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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